

caffeine which appears to be amphetamines, sometimes they don't. Now there are a lot of problems that result from this practice. First of all students, and this again is a nationwide problem and there are documented cases of this happening around the country, students will take the look-alike drug, thinking it is a real drug, and they will get accustomed to using six, or eight, or ten capsules to get the effect that they wish, and then unknowingly they will buy the actual drug and take the six, or eight, or ten capsules and suffer serious injury, perhaps death. This bill has traditionally, from the time it was first introduced four years ago, been supported by the Nebraska Pharmacists Association. Bob Marshall and his colleagues with the Pharmacists Association have faithfully, year after year as this bill has been presented to the Judiciary Committee, come down and supported it. Now the reason it's taken this long in order to bring this bill to the floor is because the bill as first introduced was virtually word-for-word a model act prepared by the United States Department of Justice. It was quite long. It was eight or ten pages of new language long. As we introduced the first bill we sought in the committee to take out the penalties for people that were merely consuming the look-alike drugs and have them apply only to the people that were selling them. Then when we introduced the bill two years later we further refined the language. Then this year the language has been, once again, further refined following an interim study by the Judiciary Committee that met pertaining to the bill in two or three locations around the state, until we have it in its present form, which is new language of about eight lines long. I think if you read that new language you can understand what we are trying to do. We are simply trying to make it clear that it is illegal to sell look-alike drugs to give the State Patrol and the police departments around the state an ability to get a handle on the problem. Finally, I don't want to talk a good bill to death, finally at the committee hearing we were shown advertisements that appeared in national publications from distributors in Omaha, Nebraska, offering for sale large quantities of drugs that clearly resembled illegal drugs. In short Omaha, since the Iowa market has been closed down by action by that legislature, has become one of the locations in the Midwest where large mail order sales of these look-alike drugs, and I'm talking cases of drugs, the State Patrol about a year and a half ago raided one of these outfits and secured many, many cases of those drugs, seized